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CODE OF ETHICS AND SANCTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HAPKIDO COUNCIL (IHC)

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Purpose The purpose of this Code of Ethics and Sanctions of the International Hapkido Council (IHC) is to establish the principles and norms that govern the conduct of all IHC members, ensuring compliance with sports values, integrity, fairness, and fair play.

Article 2: Scope of Application This code applies to all IHC members, including:

1. Members of the Executive Council.
2. Affiliated national federations and associations.
3. Athletes, coaches, and referees.
4. Officials, delegates, and any person representing the IHC in any capacity.

CHAPTER II: ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

Article 3: Fundamental Principles All IHC members must adhere to the following principles:

1. **Respect and dignity:** Act with respect and dignity toward all members of the Hapkido community.
2. **Fair play:** Promote fairness, honesty, and healthy competition in all sports activities.
3. **Non-discrimination:** Reject any form of discrimination based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or any other condition.
4. **Integrity:** Maintain exemplary behavior, avoiding any form of corruption, bribery, or improper practices.
5. **Commitment to the Olympic Charter:** Align actions with the values of the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Charter.
6. **Fight against doping:** Comply with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA) and promote clean sport.

CHAPTER III: OFFENSES AND SANCTIONS

Article 4: Classification of Offenses Violations of this code are classified as minor, serious, and very serious.

1. **Minor Offenses:**
 - Use of inappropriate language or disrespectful behavior in official events.
 - Minor non-compliance with IHC regulations.



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- Unjustified delay in fulfilling administrative obligations.

Sanctions for minor offenses:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Monetary fine depending on the severity of the offense.

2. Serious Offenses:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct or disrespect toward other IHC members.
- Repeated disobedience of the IHC statutes and regulations.
- Attempted manipulation of results or undue favoritism in competitions.
- Lack of transparency in financial management.

Sanctions for serious offenses:

- Suspension from participating in IHC-organized events for a period of 3 months to 2 years.
- Monetary fine.
- Temporary loss of rights within the IHC.

3. Very Serious Offenses:

- Corruption, bribery, or fraud in IHC management.
- Use of prohibited substances in violation of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Discrimination, harassment, or physical or psychological abuse.
- Acts of violence inside or outside of Hapkido competitions.

Sanctions for very serious offenses:

- Permanent expulsion from the IHC.
- Disqualification from holding administrative or sports positions in the IHC.
- Report to competent authorities if the offense involves criminal activity.

CHAPTER IV: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Article 5: Initiation of Proceedings Any person or entity affiliated with the IHC may file a formal complaint regarding a possible violation of the Code of Ethics. The complaint must be submitted to the IHC Disciplinary Committee.



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Article 6: Investigation and Resolution

1. The Disciplinary Committee will analyze the complaint and, if deemed appropriate, initiate a formal investigation.
2. The accused will be given the right to present evidence and defend themselves before a decision is made.
3. The Disciplinary Committee will issue a resolution within a maximum period of 30 business days.

Article 7: Appeals

1. Sanctioned individuals may appeal to the IHC Executive Council within 15 business days from the notification of the sanction.
2. The Executive Council will review the appeal and issue a final decision within a maximum period of 30 business days.

CHAPTER V: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 8: Amendment of the Code of Ethics Any modification to this code must be approved by the IHC Executive Council, unless the General Assembly has assumed the role of the supreme decision-making body.

Article 9: Acceptance and Compliance All IHC members must accept and comply with this Code of Ethics and Sanctions as a requirement for participation in the organization.

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